DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Consumer Welfare Fund has become operational in 1994. Financial assistance of Rupees one lakh forty thousand has been approved from this fund by the Standing Committee to Dr. Jagan Nath Mishra Educational Sah Bal and Mahila Kalyan Society, Muzzafarpur, Bihar.

Opening of Super Bazar Branches

815. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open branches of Super Bazar in other parts of the country especially in metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) Super Bazar has not yet been registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act. Therefore, there is no proposal to open new branches of Super Bazar in other parts of the country especially in metropolitan cities.

Losses Suffered by Super Bazar

816. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total loss suffered by Super Bazar as on 1st November, 1994;

(b) what are the details of the amount spent on G.M., D.G.M.S. Managers, C&F and other officials viz Supervisors, Sales Assistants on account of expenditure incurred for their office expenses, TA|DA and other miscellaneous expenses and on other allowances paid to them during the last three years year-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that the losses of Super Bazar may be made up in one year by checking extravegent expenditure;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take some measures to curb the increasing loss on the pretext of technical grounds with a view to save the consumer services;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH):

(a) The Accounting Year of Super Bazar. The Cooperative Store Ltd. is the financial Year and the prevailing accounting system does not facilitate working out the results for part of the financial year. However, it may be stated that the tentative working results for the period 1st April 1994 to 31st October '94 do not indicate that the Store is in loss.

(b) The G.M., DGM and CAF are Govt. Officers on deputation to Super Bazar for a fixed tenure and the emoluments being paid to them are as per salary and allowances drawn by them in their parent department and in accordance with the terms and conditions of their deputation.

As regards other officials of Super Bazar, who are employees of the Store, their salaries are drawn as per the grades fixed for each category of staff. The details of the grades are as per statement. (*See* below.)

The details of expenditure on salary, wages and other benefits to employees and on travelling & conveyance for the last 3 years are as under:-